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4. COMMENT: HENCEFORTH WE SHALL REPORT ALL SIGNIFICANT GOM MONTHLY STATISTICS, INCLUDING POPPY AND MARIJUANA ACREAGE DESTROYED AND ARRESTS MADE. WE BELIEVE A COMPARISON OF POPPY AND MARIJUANA DESTRUCTION WILL HELP ALL OF US, WHO ARE CONCERNED THAT POPPY DESTRUCTION BE GIVEN A CLEAR PRIORITY, TO MAINTAIN A MORE ACCURATE PICTURE OF THE MONTH-BY-MONTH CAMPAIGN. OF COURSE THE RELATIVE AMOUNTS OF POPPY VS. MARIJUANA ACREAGE WILL VARY WITH THE HARVEST AND GROWING SEASONS, AND WE DO NOT SUGGEST THAT THE MARCH 9:1 RATIO IN FAVOR OF POPPY IS TYPICAL (IN JANUARY THE RATIO WAS 1:4 IN FAVOR OF MARIJUANA AND IN FEBRUARY 1.5:1 IN FAVOR OF POPPY). THE ARREST FIGURES ARE INSTRUCTIVE IN INDICATING THAT FOR EVERY US CITIZEN ARRESTED THERE ARE SEVERAL MEXICAN NATIONALS DETAINED (THE RATIO RUNS FROM 1:5 TO 1:9 IN RECENT MONTHS).

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